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SUBJ: INDEPENDENCE ARTICLE ON PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN COMMERCE
TODAY

1. THE DATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEAN INDEPENDENCE HAS NOW BEEN SET FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 1975, AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS NOTED RECENTLY INCREASED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY GENERATED BY THE NATIONALS OF A NUMBER OF OTHER NATIONS INCLUDING THE BRITISH AND JAPANESE.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT LARGE SCALE INVESTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO U.S. FIRMS, BUT ALSO BELIEVE THAT USDOC SHOULD ADVISE THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN GENERAL OF THE OVER-ALL OPPORTUNITIES WHICH EXIST AND WILL INCREASE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN THE COMING YEARS. THEREFORE, CONGEN WOULD LIKE TO PREPARE AN ARTICLE WHICH WOULD APPEAR THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER IN COMMERCE TODAY WHICH WOULD OUT-LINE EXPORT AND INVESTMENT POTENTIAL OF PNG AND, AT SAME TIME, DESCRIBE PRESENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENTAL AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN PNG.

3. WE ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF FOUR OR FIVE PAGE SPREAD WITH PHOTOS. APPRECIATE USDOC ADVISE IF THIS IS FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE. WE ARE PREPARED TO MEET ANY APPROPRIATE PUBLICATION DEADLINE SET.

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